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## Hill Conferees Agree On Students' Rights

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Students can't be forced to forego the right to inspect future confidential letters about themselves in college files, Senate-House conferees have voted.

The conferees added this proviso late Tuesday to a measure that would limit students' recently gained rights to view such files.

The limits were sponsored by Sens. James L. Buckley (Cons-R.N.Y.) and Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) after college groups attacked Buckley's original right-to-records law, which took effect Nov. 19. The colleges complained in particular that the law would let students see letters from sources who had been promised confidentiality.

One of the Buckley-Pell limits, adopted by the Senate Friday, provides for students to waive future rights to inspect confidential letters of recommendation written about them in specific connection with admissions, job applications or receipt of awards.

The National Student Association opposed that, fearing that students could be forced to sign such waivers by official directive or "subtle coercion."

Accepting the students' contention, the conferees added language stating that waivers can't be required as a condition for college admission, student financial aid or "receipt of any other services or benefits."

Retained by the conferees were other Buckley-Pell limits barring student access to confidential communications already in their files or placed there by Jan. 1, and barring student access to family financial data submitted by parents in applying for scholarship aid.

The conferees also agreed to exempt social fraternities and

sororities, the YMCA and YWCA, and the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls from the 1972 "Title IX" law barring sex discrimination at schools and colleges.

Both measures face an uncertain future. They are amendments to a bill authorizing \$3.5 million for a White House conference on libraries which the Office of Management and Budget reportedly wants President Ford to veto.